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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AND ROAD AGENT

OF THE

TOWN OF ATKINSON

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town April 1, 1896:

Valuation of resident real estate	$203,490.00
Valuation of non-resident real estate	38,450.00
Number of horses, 159	7,650.00
oxen, 4	200.00
cows, 415	11,570.00
neat stock, 3	90.00
sheep, 2	8.00
fowls, 325	65.00
carriages, 7	625.00
polls, 128	12,800.00
Stock in public fund	4,400.00
Money at interest	25,700.00
Stock in trade	4,210.00
mills	600.00
Total valuation	$309,858.00

On which valuation the selectmen have assessed the following amount:

State tax	$615.00
County tax	648.46
Town tax	500.00
School tax	615.00
Extra school tax	200.00
Library	136.90
Highway	929.64

Academy	$300.00
Percentage	83.16
	$4,028.16

The selectmen have received and paid to the treasurer the following:

State railroad tax	$154.83
State savings bank tax	194.21
State literary fund	44.80
Received for cemetery	10.00
	$403.84

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer as follows:

School board	$939.60
Trustees of academy	300.00
	$1,239.60

SNOW BILLS.

Spring of 1896	$50.23
Spring of 1897	66.90
	$117.13

EXPENSES ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

James M. Nesmith, agent	$929.64

MISCELLANEOUS.

John Templeton, copies of checklist and E. P. Hoitt, expenses	$5.00
John B. Clarke Co., printing town reports	22.80
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering-trough for 1895	3.00
John Pettingill, insurance on schoolhouses	40.00

W. F. Wilson, moving railing in hall	$1.00
J. M. Nesmith, repairs on schoolhouse (district No. 5)	61.50
John K. Mason, notifying unlicensed dog owners	4.00
A. J. Hall, public watering-trough	3.00
S. B. Mason, public watering-trough	3.00
Geo. A. Page, housing road-machine	2.00
Dr. McLaughlin, reporting deaths and births	.75
John Pettingill, time and expense to Exeter	2.00
A. H. Little, running town line	1.50
G. H. Silsby, books and stationery	5.00
O. L. Whittaker, repairs on schoolhouse (district No. 2)	17.34
Benjamin Daniels, repairs on schoolhouse (district No. 1)	4.50
Trustees of academy, rent for hall	30.00
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering-trough for 1896	3.00
H. N. Sawyer, wood and kindling for schools	8.75
Albert Little, wood for district No. 5, 1895	11.12
Albert Little, wood for district No. 5, 1896	1.62
Geo. A. Page, wood for district No. 3	2.72
W. F. Wilson, care of schoolhouse and sawing wood	5.00
Mary L. Wheeler, care of schoolhouse and sawing wood	9.03
Geo. A. Sawyer, wood	5.50
School board for school supplies	47.17
Geo. E. Emerson, wood, 1895	2.00
Geo. E. Emerson, wood, 1896	4.50
J. H. Noyes, wood, 1896	7.50
Arthur Goodrich, care of schoolhouse	3.50
E. Brickett, care of schoolhouse, 1895	3.50
Geo. E. Emerson, wood	2.75
	$324.05
Paid library	$136.90

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Geo. M. Burton, 1895	$1.12
Henry Brown, 1895	1.12
Robert H. Kelly, 1895	1.40
Moses B. Stevens, exemption on mortgage, 1896	6.50
Harriet Smith, overtaxed	.65
	$10.79

TOWN OFFICERS.

School board	$30.00
Geo. A. Page, town clerk, and stationery	18.00
Gilman Greenough, treasurer	14.00
John Pettingill, selectman	45.00
Charles B. Wheeler, selectman	25.00
Herbert N. Sawyer, selectman	25.00
S. B. Mason, collector	50.00
S. B. Mason, district clerk	1.00
W. F. Wilson, moderator	5.00
E. P. Hoyt, supervisor for 1895 and 1896	20.00

RECAPITULATION.

Amount in collector's warrant	$4,028.16
Received from other sources	403.84
	$4,432.00

Paid on account of schools	$939.60
trustees academy, tuition	300.00
on account of snow bills	117.13
highways and bridges	929.64
library	136.90
miscellaneous expenses	324.05
abatement of taxes	10.79

Paid on acount of town officers	$233.00
state tax	615.00
county tax	648.46
	$4,254.57
Balance in favor of the town	$177.43

JOHN PETTENGILL,
CHAS. B. WHEELER,
HERBERT N. SAWYER,
Selectmen of Atkinson.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' REPORT.

SNOW BILLS.

J. M. Nesmith, 1897	$13.05
Geo. A. Page, 1897	4.86
M. B. Stevens, 1897	9.00
C. F. Noyes, 1897	9.33
H. Brickett, 1897	14.05
W. B. Wason, 1897	16.61
	$66.90

W. A. Smith, spring of 1896	$2.18
W. B. Wason, spring of 1896	9.45
M. B. Stevens, spring of 1896	7.80
J. W. Stickney, spring of 1896	13.29
F. P. Wright, spring of 1896	1.00
E. E. Poor, spring of 1896	2.00
Bert Smith, spring of 1896	.75
George Gilbert, spring of 1896	.75
Geo. C. Scott, spring of 1896	.75
John Pettengill, spring of 1896	5.00
H. N. Sawyer, spring of 1896	5.00
T. P. Chase, spring of 1896	.60
Joseph Freeman, spring of 1896	1.66
	$50.23

JAMES M. NESMITH, ROAD AGENT.

Received on orders	$929.64
Paid E. E. Poor	$35.35
H. N. Sawyer	50.28
Joseph Freeman	33.14
T. P. Chase	16.25
George Damon	3.50
A. A. Dow	5.75
E. E. Conley	5.00
E. P. Hoitt	11.25
Oscar Tilton	20.00
Charles A. Knight	13.87
W. A. Smith	10.50
David F. Reynolds	9.50
Wilbur Smith	10.50
Robert Taylor	4.50
James H. Noyes	13.50
Benj. Wood	8.00
Arthur Smith	7.50
Harrison Tilton	6.87
Repairing plow	4.00
Plank on line bridge	8.90
M. B. Stevens, plank	3.86
Repairs on road machine	3.25
T. P. Chase, cutting bushes	10.00
Oscar Tilton, cutting bushes	9.75
J. M. Nesmith, [redacted]	45.00
	$350.02

Paid through W. B. Wason:

W. W. Hatch	$15.41
Herman Noyes	6.63
S. N. Little	6.95
J. Richards	7.10

William Cragin	$3.60
S. P. Foote	19.40
Estate Wm. C. Noyes	41.30
G. M. Wason	5.25
W. B. Wason	144.36
	$250.00

Paid through Cyrus F. Noyes:

David J. Reynolds	$7.50
Geo. E. Emerson	19.00
Frank Greenough	17.87
James H. Noyes	11.40
J. B. Shedd	9.00
Benj. Daniels	6.00
Daniel Card	6.00
J. W. Stickney	6.50
Oscar Tilton	.75
Wilbur Smith	.75
W. A. Smith	.75
John B. Mason	1.50
Joshua Richards	2.00
Cyrus F. Noyes	29.00
	$117.02

Paid through Horace Brickett:

Moses B. Stevens	$13.50
T. P. Chase	10.80
Albert Little	31.50
Theodore Trefry	7.50
J. A. Hall	7.50
E. E. Conley	7.35
John Little	5.10
George Damon	4.35
Geo. E. Wright	8.00
James H. Noyes	9.00
Samuel Frankie	3.00

Charles Frye	$4.35
J. Richards	4.00
A. J. Hall	1.00
Horace Brickett	95.65
	$212.60

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The collector charges himself—

With amount in warrant	$4,028.16
Credits himself—	
With receipts of treasurer	$3,627.00
Discount on taxes	163.32
Uncollected taxes	237.84

S. B. MASON,
Collector.

Atkinson, Feb. 15, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer charges himself with—

Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1896	$595.67
Received from state:	
Railroad tax	154.83
Savings bank tax	194.21
Literary fund	44.80
Received from town clerk, dog licenses	73.91
selectmen, cemetery lot	10.00
S. B. Mason, col., taxes of 1895	145.54
S. B. Mason, col., int. on same	5.66
S. B. Mason, col., taxes of 1896	3,627.00
	$4,851.62

He credits himself as follows:

By paying state tax	$615.00
By paying county tax	648.46
By paying selectmen's orders	2,999.21
	$4,262.67
Cash in hands of treasurer	$588.95

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount due from taxes of 1896	$237.84
Cash in treasury	588.95
Balance in favor of town	$826.79

GILMAN GREENOUGH,
Treasurer.

ATKINSON, Feb. 15, 1897.

The auditors find the accounts of the selectmen, collector and treasurer accurately kept, correctly computed, and properly vouched for.

S. B. MASON,
GEORGE P. DOW,
Auditors.

ATKINSON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

The library treasurer charges himself with:

Received from town	$136.90
librarian's fines	4.00
	$140.90

He credits himself as follows:

Balance due treasurer, Feb. 15, 1896	$1.58
Paid De Wolfe, Fisk & Co., for books	81.07
F. J. Barnard, binding magazines	6.50
for express on books	.95
Alice F. Gilbert, services as librarian	50.00
	$140.10
Cash in hands of treasurer	$0.80

GILMAN GREENOUGH,
Treasurer.

The following report is respectfully submitted for the year ending February 15, 1897:

On March 21, 1896, the library was moved to the home of Mr. George E. Gilbert, and Mrs. Alice Gilbert chosen librarian.

There have been added, by purchase and gift, during the year, 135 books, making a total of 710. The average circulation has been 36.

Books have been presented by the Atkinson Book Club, Wilber F. Crafts, A. M., A. A. Dow, Mrs. G. N. Cross, Mrs. Albert Noyes, Mrs. Ella Tuttle, Miss A. L. Page, E. O. Jameson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Sawyer, Geo. F. Willey and Gilman Greenough. The action of the trustees of the State Library at Concord in regard to the loaning of books in the miscellaneous department has been brought to our attention. The rules established on the subject are:

"Any citizen of New Hampshire desiring to borrow a book from the miscellaneous department of the State Library can apply to the local library in his town therefor, agreeing to become responsible for the expense attending the sending and return of the book. Thereupon the local librarian may send such application to the State Library, and upon its receipt the books desired, if on the shelves, will be sent to the local library, charges collect, to be kept for a term of two weeks. The local library can then loan the book to the applicant, subject to its rules, for the above term. All applications must come through, and books be sent to, the local library. It will be held responsible for the safe return of the book to the State Library. Books in constant use in the State Library and those not easily replaced in the open market are excluded from this rule."

The State Library contains about 35,000 books of a miscellaneous character.

HERMAN NOYES,
EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GILMAN GREENOUGH.

BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY, YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

Across Asia on a Bicycle. T. G. Allen.
Addresses. Henry Drummond.
Addresses, Memorial, on W. P. Fessenden.
Addresses on Henry Wilson.
Addresses on Zachariah Chandler.
Adventures of a Brownie, The. D. M. Mulock.
Adventures of Capt. Horn, The. Frank R. Stockton.
Aftermath. James L. Allen.
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll.
Aldrich, T. B. The Story of a Bad Boy.
Allen, James L. A Kentucky Cardinal.
Aftermath.
The Blue-Grass Regions of Kentucky.
Allen, T. G. Across Asia on a Bicycle.
Amateur Emigrant, The. R. L. Stevenson.
Amazing Marriage, An. George Meredith. 2 vols.
Ancient History. P. V. N. Myers.
Andersen, Hans Christian. Wonder Stories.
Art of Newspaper Making, The. Chas. A. Dana.
Arthur, T. S. Ten Nights in a Bar-Room.
Atkinson, Philip. Electricity for Everybody.
Baldwin, Edward. The Book of Fables.
Bangs, John Kendrick. The Idiot.
Barrows, J. O. On Horseback in Cappadocia.
Battle of Bunker Hill. Geo. E. Ellis.
Barrie, James Matthew. The Little Minister.
Berguin, M. The Children's Friend.
Blackmore, R. D. Springhaven.
Blair, Eliza N. 'Lisbeth Wilson.
Blue Grass Regions of Kentucky. J. L. Allen.
Book of Fables, The. Edward Baldwin.
Boy Soldiers of 1812. E. Tomlinson.
Brother Against Brother. Oliver Optic.

Brownies, The. Palmer Cox.
Buckley, J. M. Faith Healing.
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. A Lady of Quality.
Two Little Pilgrims Progress.
Butterworth, Hezekiah. The Knight of Liberty.
The Patriot Schoolmaster.
Cable, Geo. W. Famous Adventures of Civil War.
Cabot, James E. Memoir of Ralph Waldo Emerson. 2v.
Campaign of Trenton, The. S. A. Drake.
Carroll, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.
Children's Friend, The. Berguin.
Chilhowee Boys in War Time. S. E. Morrison.
Chimmie Fadden. E. W. Townsend.
Chimmie Fadden Explains. E. W. Townsend.
Christ of Today, The. Geo. A. Gordon.
Civil Government. John Fiske.
Coffin, Chas. Carleton. Daughters of the Revolution.
Cogswell, Wm., D. D. Letters to Young Men.
Coming of Theodora, The. Eliza Orne White.
Country of the Pointed Firs. Sarah O. Jewett.
Cox, Palmer. The Brownies.
Cranford. Mrs. Gaskell.
Crockett, S. R. The Lilac Sunbonnet.
The Stickit Minister.
Cruising Among the Caribbees. C. A. Stoddard.
Dana, Chas. A. The Art of Newspaper Making.
Daughters of the Revolution. C. C. Coffin.
Days of Auld Lang Syne. Ian Maclaren.
Devens, R. M. Our First Century.
Drake, Samuel Adams. The Campaign of Trenton.
The Watch Fires of '76.
Drummond, Henry. Addresses.
Electricity for Everybody. Philip Atkinson.
Ellis, Geo. E. The Battle of Bunker Hill.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo, Memoirs of. James E. Cabot.

Errant Wooing, An. Mrs. B. Harrison.
Fable Land.
Fair God, The. Lew Wallace.
Faith Healing. J. M. Buckley.
Famous Adventures of Civil War. G. W. Cable.
Far from the Madding Crowd. Thomas Hardy.
Field, Cyrus W., Life of. I. F. Judson.
Field, Eugene. The House.
Fiske, John. Civil Government.
Florida Sketch Book, A. Bradford Torrey.
Franklin, Benjamin.
Garden Behind the Moon, The. Howard Pyle.
Gaskell, Mrs. Cranford.
Gentleman Vagabond, A. F. H. Smith.
Gerald, Mrs. M. L. Pool.
Gift Story Book, The.
Gilmanton, History of. Daniel Lancaster.
Gladstone, Wm. E., Life of. H. W. Lucy.
Gordon, Geo. A. The Christ of Today.
Grant, Gen. U. S. Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant.
Greenland's Icefields. G. F. Wright.
Grimm Bros. Grimm's Fairy Tales.
Hale, E. E. In His Name.
Hardy, Thomas. Far from the Madding Crowd.
Harper's Magazine. Vols. 88 and 89.
Harris, Joel Chandler. Little Mr. Thimblefinger.
Harrison, Mrs. Burton. An Errant Wooing.
Hartwig, Dr. G. The Polar and Tropical Worlds.
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. A Wonder Book.
Tanglewood Tales.
Henderson, W. J. Sea Yarns for Boys.
Hero Tales. Henry Cabot Lodge.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Life of. John T. Morse.
House, The. Eugene Field.
How to Rise in the World.
Idiot, The. J. K. Bangs.

In His Name. E. E. Hale.
In the Saddle. Oliver Optic.
In War Time. S. Weir Mitchell.
Jewett, Sarah Orne. The Country of the Pointed Firs.
Johnston, Annie F. The Little Colonel.
Judson, Isabella F. The Life of Cyrus W. Field.
Jungle Book, The Second. Rudyard Kipling.
Kentucky Cardinal, A. J. L. Allen.
Kipling, Rudyard. The Second Jungle Book.
Knight of Liberty, The. H. Butterworth.
Lady of Quality, A. F. H. Burnett.
Lancaster, Daniel. History of Gilmanton.
Lectures to Children. John Todd, D. D.
Letters to Young Men. Wm. Cogswell, D. D.
Lieutenant at Eighteen, A. Oliver Optic.
Lilac Sunbonnet, The. S. R. Crockett.
Lillith. George MacDonald.
'Lisbeth Wilson. Eliza N. Blair.
Little Colonel, The. Annie F. Judson.
Little Haymakers.
Little Mr. Thimblefinger. Joel Chandler Harris.
Little Minister, The. J. M. Barrie.
Little Rivers. Henry Van Dyke.
Lodge, Henry Cabot. Hero Tales.
Lucy, Henry W. Life of Wm. E. Gladstone.
Lummis, Chas. F. The Man Who Married the Moon.
Macdonald, George. Lillith.
Maclaren, Ian (John Watson). The Days of Auld Lang Syne.
Manchester Up to Date. David Lane Perkins.
Man Who Married the Moon, The. C. F. Lummis.
Memorial Addresses on W. P. Fessenden.
Meredith, Geo. The Amazing Marriage. 2 vols.
Mitchell, S. Weir. In War Time.
Monthly Illustrator.
Morrison, S. E. Chilhowee Boys in War Time.

Morse, John T. Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes.
Mother's Trials and Triumphs, The.
Mrs. Gerald. M. L. Pool.
Mulock, D. M. The Adventures of a Brownie.
Myers, P. V. N. Ancient History.
New England Magazine. Vols. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
New Hampshire Manual. Secretary of State.
Oliver Optic. In the Saddle.
A Lieutenant at Eighteen.
Brother Against Brother.
On Horseback in Cappadocia. J. O. Barrows.
Our First Century. R. M. Devens.
Patriot Schoolmaster, The. H. Butterworth.
Peep o' Day, The.
Peg Woffington. Chas. Reade.
People We Pass. Julian Ralph.
Perkins, David Lane. Manchester Up to Date.
Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant.
Phelps, Elizabeth Stuart. A Singular Life.
Poems Here at Home. James Whitcomb Riley.
Polar and Tropical Worlds. Dr. G. Hartwig.
Pony Tracks. Frederic Remington.
Pool, M. L. Mrs. Gerald.
Popular Reading.
Pop-Gun Stories.
Pyle, Howard. Twilight Land.
The Garden Behind the Moon.
Jack Ballister's Fortune.
Ralph, Julian. People We Pass.
Reade, Chas. Peg Woffington.
Red Men and White. Owen Wister.
Remington, Frederic. Pony Tracks.
Richardson, A. D. The Secret Service.
Riley, James Whitcomb. Poems Here at Home.
Sangster, M. E. With My Neighbors.
Scribner's Magazine. Vols. 9, 15, 16.

Sea Yarns for Boys. W. J. Henderson.
Second Jungle Book, The. Rudyard Kipling.
Secret Service, The. A. D. Richardson.
Singular Life, A. E. S. Phelps.
Smith, F. H. A Gentleman Vagabond.
Springhaven. R. D. Blackmore.
Stepping-Stones, The.
Stevenson, R. L. The Amateur Emigrant.
Stickit Minister, The. S. R. Crockett.
Stockton, F. R. The Adventures of Capt. Horn.
The Hundredth Man.
Stoddard, C. A. Cruising Among the Caribbees.
Stories for Children.
Story of a Bad Boy. T. B. Aldrich.
Story of Bessie Costrell, The. Mrs. H. Ward.
Successful Men of Today. Wilber T. Crafts.
Tanglewood Tales. Nathaniel Hawthorne.
Ten Nights in a Bar-Room. T. S. Arthur.
Todd, John, D. D. Lectures to Children.
Tomlinson, E. Boy Soldiers of 1812.
Torrey, Bradford. A Florida Sketch Book.
Townsend, Edw. W. Chimmie Fadden.
Chimmie Fadden Explains.
Two Little Pilgrims Progress. F. H. Burnett.
Twilight Land. Howard Pyle.
Van Dyke, Henry. Little Rivers.
Violet, The.
Wallace, Lew. The Fair God.
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey. The Story of Bessie Costrell.
Watchfires of '76, The. S. A. Drake.
White, Eliza Orne. Winterborough.
The Coming of Theodora.
Wister, Owen. Red Men and White.
With My Neighbors. M. E. Sangster.
Wonder Book, A. Nathaniel Hawthorne.
Wonder Stories. Hans C. Andersen.
Wright, G. Frederic. Greenland Icefields.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The following report is respectfully submitted for the year ending March 1, 1897:

SCHOOL NO. 1.

The increased number of scholars residing within the limits of the old district No. 1 seemed to warrant a larger expenditure of school money than usual, and so accordingly two terms of school were kept here during the past year, instead of one as heretofore, viz., a spring term of eleven weeks, beginning April 20 and closing July 3, and a fall term, also of eleven weeks, begining September 8 and closing November 20.

Both terms were taught by Florice A. Merrill, of Kingston, a graduate of Sanborn seminary, a well-known educational institution of that town. Miss Merrill early gained the love and respect of her pupils, and continued to hold the same throughout her term of service, one of the conditions so necessary to the well-being and success of a school, and at the closing examination, at which nearly every family was represented, the wish that she might continue the work here was freely expressed.

The name of Irving Emerson appears on the roll of perfect attendance for the spring term, and that of Roy Primrose for the fall term.

SCHOOL NO. 2.

The spring term of this school was taught by Lizzie H. Webster, of Haverhill, Mass. It was twelve weeks in length, beginning April 13, and closing July 3, and we certainly think that we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of so thorough and accomplished a teacher as Miss Webster proved herself to be. Both teacher and pupils seemed to work together in harmony, and their efforts met with a well-deserved success.

By an arrangement with the school board of Plaistow, twelve pupils from that town were admitted to the school during this term.

The fall and winter terms, of eleven and seven weeks respectively, were taught by Georgia E. Jaques, also of Haverhill, who, although a beginner, showed herself to be well fitted for the position, and who, we are thoroughly convinced, has all the requirements necessary to make a successful teacher. Some very creditable specimens of vertical penmanship adorned the walls of the school room at the close of the winter term. Oscar P. Little was present at every session of the school during the spring term.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

The spring term of this school, beginning April 20 and closing July 3, a period of eleven weeks, was under the instruction of Ora L. Ordway of Hampstead, a graduate of the high school of that town. Miss Ordway showed much interest in her work, and succeeded as well as could be reasonably expected, considering that this was her first attempt at teaching, and we can readily believe that by industry and perseverance she will make a success in this, her chosen profession.

The fall term of eleven weeks and winter term of seven

weeks were both taught by Mary G. Calderwood of this town. We see no reason to change the former opinions of the school board in commendation of the ability of Miss Calderwood as a teacher, and were we to say more it would be only to reiterate what we have heretofore expressed in relation to her work in this school, and in that of No. 4, where she formerly taught. Bessie Calef was not absent during the spring term, and Carrie F. Batchelder during the fall term, while Alice M. Batchelder is credited with being present at every session of both fall and winter terms. Aside from these three names, the absences were many and frequent, and some method ought surely to be devised whereby the attendance could be made more regular. The evils arising from non-attendance and tardiness are apparent to all, and it needs no argument to prove their ill effects upon any school. Nothing except sickness should be given or accepted as an excuse for absence from the school room.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Three terms of school, spring, fall, and winter, of an aggregate length of thirty-one weeks, have been held in this district during the past year. All three terms have been well and carefully taught by Martha L. Coolidge of Chester, who has now concluded a service of nearly three years in this school. The school has steadily improved under her faithful and judicious care and management, and no better recommendation can be given to any teacher than that of her continued re-employment in the same school for term after term and year after year. Lizzie M. Welch and Nellie A. Welch were present at every session during the spring term. Arthur Wood attended every session of the fall term, while Arthur H. Sawyer and Ralph Freeman were present at every session during the entire year.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

The spring term of this school was taught by Emma B. Gordon of this town, who has had charge of this section of our educational field for several years past. We regard Miss Gordon as one of our best teachers, being well and fully equipped in all the branches necessary to be taught in our common schools, and so familiar has she become from long practice that she needs no text-book at her elbow to assist her in her work. Too much credit cannot be given her for her faithful and conscientious labor in this school.

Miss Gordon having resigned at the close of the spring term, on account of sickness in her family, her place was well and acceptably filled by Katherine N. Brown of Kingston, who taught the fall and winter terms. Miss Brown is a young lady of great public spirit and enterprise, and mainly through her efforts this school is now the owner of a large and beautiful flag, which was presented to the school with appropriate ceremonies on the afternoon of October 1, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic gathering composed of our most influential citizens and many visitors from adjoining towns. More names are recorded on the register of this school as visitors than any other in town, showing an interest in the cause of education, on the part of parents and others, worthy of the highest commendation, and an example that should be followed throughout our entire town.

In submitting this report, we wish again to call the attention of our parents and citizens to the high grade of teachers that we have been fortunate in securing for their schools. We honestly think that they will compare favorably with those of any town whose schools are of the same grade as ours. They have all been "native and to the manner born," raised and educated in this and adjoining towns, persons whom we know to be suitably

fitted for the work, and who can be safely entrusted with the education of the young. We have strongly believed in home talent, thinking that the institutions here and those near by are fully as reliable in turning out good teachers as those at a distance, and we have never had occasion to patronize the so-called "teachers' agencies," from whence so many third-class teachers are furnished, whose wages are mortgaged in advance to pay for services in obtaining situations. Good teachers are, and always will be, in demand, and their merits cannot fail to be known to the general public; and this class will never have to rely upon and pay a large percentage of their hard-earned salaries to those so-called educational bureaus in order to find employment as teachers in our public schools.

HERBERT N. SAWYER,
GILMAN GREENOUGH,
MARY L. WHEELER,
School Board.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

The school district treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand February 16, 1896	$8.23
Amount of school tax required by law	615.00
Extra school money voted by town	200.00
Literary fund	44.80
Dog licenses of 1895	79.80
Tuition of non-resident pupils	21.95
Received from books sold	.88
	$970.66

He credits himself as follows:

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Florice A. Merrill, spring term, No. 1	$71.50
Lizzie H. Webster, spring term, No. 2	96.00
Ora L. Ordway, spring term, No. 3	77.00
Martha L. Coolidge, spring term, No. 4	77.00
Emma B. Gordon, spring term, No. 5	77.00
Florice A. Merrill, fall term, No. 1	77.00
Georgia E. Jaques, fall term, No. 2	77.00
Mary G. Calderwood, fall term, No. 3	77.00
Martha L. Coolidge, fall term, No. 4	84.00
Katherine N. Brown, fall term, No. 5	77.00
Mary G. Calderwood, winter term, No. 3	49.00
Georgia E. Jaques, winter term, No. 2	49.00
Martha L. Coolidge, winter term, No. 4	56.00
Katherine N. Brown, winter term, No. 5	49.00
Amount expended	$993.50
Amount received	970.66
Balance due treasurer	$22.84

GILMAN GREENOUGH,
Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child, (if any).	Sex and condition. M. or F.	Living or Still b'rn.	No. child, 1st, 2d, etc	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
May 21	Atkinson .	Isaac S. Noyes, Jr.	M	L	2d .	W	Isaac S. Noyes.....	Jennie A. Hart.....	W	Atkinson	Farmer.....	Atkinson	PrtH'wksby,N.S
June 4	"	Marg'eriteA.Wood	F	"	6th.	"	Ben O. Wood.	Margaret A. McCabe	"	"	"	Barre, Vt	Boston, Mass.
13	"	AlvinM.Whittaker	M	"	6th.	"	Orlaton L.Whittaker	Flora A. Merrick ...	"	"	Carpenter	Atkinson	Hampstead.
July 6	"	Lillian M. Brown.	F	"	1st..	"	Frank C. Brown, Jr.	Emma E McConihe.	"	"	Shoemaker	Chester	Fremont.
Aug. 24	"	Arth'rH.Wentwth	M	"	4th .	"	James A.Wentworth	Mary L. Wentworth.	"	"	Carpenter	Tideoute, Penn..	Denmark, Me.
26	"	—— Kimball....	F	S .	....	"	A. S. Kimball	Lizzie Hidden	"	Haverhill,Mas.	Expr's messengr	Lynn, Mass.....	Newb'yprt, Mass

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1897.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age of each.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Aug. 26	Haverhill, Mass.	Charles E. Webster ...	Atkinson	31	W	Shoemaker....	Kingston	Wm. C Webster..	Kingston	L. A. Freeman, c. Orange, Mass.
								Eliz'b'th Wilkins'n	"	
		Lizzie E. Edwards.....	Haverhill, Mass.	23	"	Housekeeper .	Hamilton, Ont....	John Edwards....	Manchester, Eng	
								Isabelle Cole.....	New York.....	

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GEORGE A. PAGE, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

Date of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex and condit'n.			Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Disease or cause of death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		M. or F.	Color.	S., M., or W.		Father.	Mother			
Feb. 16	Joshua Richards	78	..	..	Atkinson	M	W	M	Farmer	Atkinson		Joshua Richards		Angina Pectoris.
Mar. 27	Alonzo Knight	84	8	28	"	M	"	M	"	"	Byfeld, Mass.	Samuel Knight	Elizabeth Smith	Kidney disease.
June 5	Salina B. Merrick	69	..	.	Vermont	F	"	W	Housek'r			——George		Heart disease.
Aug. 10	Isaac S. Noyes, Jr.	..	2	18	Atkinson	M	"	S		Atkinson	Nova Scotia	Isaac S. Noyes	Jennie A. Hart	Cholera infantum.
26	——Kimball	..	..	..	"	F	"			Lynn, Mass	Newburyport	A. S. Kimball	Lizzie Hidden	Stillborn.
28	Alfred B. Little	72	..	25	"	M	"	W	Farmer	Atkinson	Atkinson	Amos Little	Sally Barrett	Heart disease.
Oct. 12	Eliza Laing	56	9	4	Scotland	F	"	M	Housewife	England	Scotland	James Grindrod	Mary McKay	Apoplexy.
Nov. 6	Gideon W. Conley	83	1	..	Atkinson	M	"	M	Farmer	"	Atkinson	James Conley	Hannah Wood	Heart disease, old age.

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